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SUBJ: NATO EXERCISE "LOCKED GATE": DEMONSTRATIONS BANNED FROM
7TH TO 12TH

REF: LISBON 696 AND PREVIOUS

1. LISBON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES FEB 5 ISSUED BAN ON "ANY PUBLIC
DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PERIOD FEB 7-12 INCLUSIVE."

2. FEB 6 NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON BAN NOTED COINCIDENCE OF ITS DATES
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WITH SHORE LEAVE PERIOD FOR PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN LOCKED

GATE EXERCISE.

3. FEB 5 LISBON MRPP RALLY (PARA 2 REFTEL) TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT. FURTHER RALLY BY FAR LEFT GROUPS, WHICH EMBASSY HAD HEARD WAS CALLED FOR FEB 7, NOT CONFIRMED AND, IN ANY CASE, COVERED BY BAN ORDER.

4. PRESS COVERAGE: DIARIO DE NOTICIAS ARTICLE OF MORNING FEB 5 (PARA 3 REFTEL) COMPLEMENTED BY SIMILAR COVERAGE IN AFTERNOON CAPITAL AND SEVERAL MINUTES IN LATE EVENING TV NEWS BROADCAST. CAPITAL'S COVERAGE PARALLELED DIARIO'S IN CONVEYING IMPRESSION OF EFFICIENT, POWERFUL NAVAL FORCE, DIFFERED IN AVOIDING DIGS AT US "IMPERIALISM." ARTICLE EMPHASIZED AND EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF SMALL PORTUGUESE ELEMENT IN EXERCISE (ONE FRIGATE). SOLE SOUR NOTE WAS REFERENCE TO PORTUGUESE REPORTERS ON BOARD SARATOGA BEING PHOTOGRAPHED "FROM ALL ANGLES" WHILE OBSERVING PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE EXERCISE FOR EVIDENT PURPOSE OF CAPTURING THEIR "ENRAPTURES EXPRESSIONS." TV COVERAGE STEERED CLEAR OF ANYTHING CONTROVERSIAL. IT INCLUDED SEVERAL POOR QUALITY SHOTS ABOARD THE SARATOGA AND INTERVIEW WITH (PORTUGUESE) IBERLANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, WHO REGRETTED THAT SMALL SIZE OF PLANE INVOLVED PREVENTED MORE THAN JUST A FEW REPORTERS BEING INVITED.

5. REPORTING ON EXERCISE IN OTHER PAPERS LIMITED TO BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF SHIPS' ARRIVAL IN PORT TO BEGIN VISITS. CARLUCCI

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